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Two local boxers make it to finals in a tournament

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Local swimmer going to Nationals in Calgary

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County inspection concludes

Mamta Lalia
Western Review

Brazeau County has been going through a municipal inspection that concluded recently and a report was provided on March 1.

No directives were provided by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, but 24 recommendations came out of the inspection.

"In general I find this to be a well run county. I find administration to operate effectively. I find your council is generally complying with governance practices and rules," said Inspector Russell Farmer of Russell Farmer & Associated Consulting Ltd.

A petition from some Brazeau County residents who collected 1,800 signatures was approved by Alberta Municipal Affairs around March 2015 and resulted in a Brazeau County affairs review.

Major issues with the County include confidentiality and pecuniary interest when it comes to council, HR practices, public participation during council meetings with expectations from council or administration

LET ME HEAR YOU SAY 'OINK OINK'



Rotary Children's Library in Drayton Valley celebrated National Pig Day on March 1 by learning more about pigs and sharing stories about the animal and doing arts and crafts.

Mamta Lalia Western Review

to respond on the spot, Land Use Bylaw and the mill rate process that took place last year.

"I have identified a number of circumstances where council-

ors have violated confidentiality or their duty of confidentiality," said Farmer, while adding examples of how councillors have participated in decisions when there

was pecuniary interest.

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Inspector has recommendations for the County

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He encouraged the county to discontinue public input time and ask the public to come into the council meeting as delegates and share information that way.

"I acknowledge that there is a group of people in the county who are unhappy with a number of decisions that council is making. I ask you to keep in mind that the purpose of a discussion is not to answer the question whether people support or not support the decisions of council, but are decisions occurring through the process and following legislation," reminded Farmer to the council.

When it came to inter-municipal relations with the Town, Farmer said the County spends more on recreation and parks and he included Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in this category. For

comparables, the median per capita expenditure for parks and recreation for other counties is about \$42 while for Brazeau the number is \$162.

He also added that, although the number is high, he doesn't see that county residents bear the hardships for that high number.

"I believe if the county's residents are significantly upset with this, you will address it at the election process," said Farmer.

In his concluding comments, he added that the county will run with council and administrative staffs that operate effectively.

County's 2015 mill rate process declared poor

Months Later
Western Review

Brazeau County's recent municipal inspection reports state that the last year's mill rate bylaw procedure was irregular and demonstrates a poor process and poor governance practices.

Independent Inspector Russell Farmer of Russell Farmer & Associates Consulting Ltd., concluded in his report that three councillors tried to lower the mill rate bylaw in a council of seven.

"It does not demonstrate respect for the role of council as a collective body," stated the inspector's report.

A municipal inspection

was ordered under a section of the Municipal Government Act after a petition was approved last year.

While lowering taxes last year, Town of Drayton Valley sent a letter advising against such a decrease and reminded the County that the lower rate would apply to some of the properties in town, which would lower the tax revenue for the Town.

Farmer said although Brazeau County has the power to make all the decisions, it should have indulged a conversation with the Town.

"Drayton Valley's revenue is not necessarily your concern, but I do believe that if you make a decision

that financially impacts another party, you have the duty to engage them or consult with them," said Farmer.

He also noted that the deadline to get the mill rate process done was set for April 24, which was substantially earlier than other municipalities.

During the mill rate process, Chief Administrative Officer Marco Schoeninger was quoted in the Western Review as saying, "If there is no bylaw in place today, I will then close the doors and send my men and women [county administration] home," which was not appreciated by Farmer.

Schoeninger was quoted at a special meeting on April 10.

Farmer said there was no need for threats and ultimatums and concluded that some of the councillors reported that their decision to support the

bylaw was based on the threat of the administrative shutdown. Earlier in the meeting, one of the recommendations of the 24 recommendations that came out of the inspection was to re-locate Schoeninger in the council chambers and have him be separated from the council.




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April 26
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May 19
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WILDCARETERS
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NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wed. March 9, 2016
Council Chambers, Town Office • 9:00 am

NEXT GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES MEETING
Wed. March 9, 2016
Town Office • 1:30 pm

Crafters Fair!
Drayton Valley Crafting Fest
APRIL 23, 2016
Kathie Heston 5:00
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News

CETC not fully ready for its first event

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Coun. Nicole Nadeau reminded her colleagues about the IAM EMPOWERED conference at a meeting on March 5. The conference was on March 5 at the Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC).

The event was the first

one in the new building. "CETC is still not ready, but we will do what we can on Saturday," said Nadeau prior to the event.

In January, the Western Review was told that CETC will open in February and Town of Drayton Valley Bio Mile Coordinator Kristina Vallee and CETC Chief Operating Officer Manny Deal will be moving into the build-

ing. The Western Review confirmed last week whether the two have moved into the new building yet and communications and marketing coordinator Tyler Russell said that they are working there but haven't moved in permanently. The original opening date for the centre was September 2015 and was

later postponed to January 2016.

LIQUOR STORE CONVERSATIONS

At the governance and priorities meeting on March 2, Coun. Brandy Fredrickson said she has noticed a lot of comments and conversations about liquor store establishments in Town. Fredrickson was asking her colleagues if the Town

should communicate with the community about the town's plans.

Mayor Glenn McLean said council first needs to touch base with its working group, which is the

Healthy Community Coalition.

"Putting something out there right now will be generating more questions than we can answer," said McLean.

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Please be advised that the Development Authority of the Town of Drayton Valley has approved the following permits with conditions:

DV16-002 5517-83 Avenue
C2-General Commercial District
Animal Care Facility
Issued with conditions, February 17, 2016

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by any persons claiming to be affected by the aforementioned decision. Written submissions stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

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This week photo enforcement will be conducted at the following locations:

- Highway 22
- 43 Street
- 50 Street
- 42 Avenue
- 43 Avenue
- 45 Avenue
- 46 Avenue
- 47 Avenue
- 48 Avenue
- 50 Avenue
- 55 Avenue
- Backlett Road
- Madson Avenue
- All other areas where speeding is a concern

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JEANS AND JERSEY FUNDRAISER



The Drayton Valley Thunder held their Jean and Jersey fundraiser on Feb. 27 at the Macdonald Conference Centre. Numerous items were put up for auction. For entertainment, comedian Gery Schubert was present to take the role of "Dc Phil".

Justine Kimoden Western Review



Brazeau County News

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 897-16 to change the designation of PL NW 11-49-7-WSM and PL SW 11-49-7-WSM and PL SE 10-49-7-WSM from Agricultural (A6) to Recreation (R) as shown on the accompanying map. If approved, the change in designation will allow for the continued operation of the existing campground.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on April 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chamber of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., March 29, 2016, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. Copies of the written submissions received will be provided to Council for consideration. Please note that personal information (address, phone numbers, email address, signature, etc.) will be redacted as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act; however, names will still appear with the submission.

A copy of Bylaw 897-16 and the Recreation District are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

Upcoming News & Events

- March 8 - Client Energy Strategy Session, starting at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chamber. Working meeting of Council, by invite only.
- March 9 - Agricultural Service Board Meeting, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the EOC Room. Public input at 3:30 p.m.
- March 17 - March 17 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting, information session at 9 a.m., followed by MPC meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chamber.
- March 21 - Public rural communications meeting, starting at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber.
- March 22 - Public meeting with commercial businesses, starting at 7 p.m. in Council Chamber.
- April 1 - Council Meeting starting at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber. Open to the Public.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departmental/industry/employment.

ATTENTION: BRAZEAU COUNTY RESIDENTS

Brazeau County has contracted Accurate Assessment Group for the 2016 General Assessment. Commencing March 1 and throughout the balance of 2016, assessors will be completing the re-inspection process for the 2017 tax year, specifically focusing on the townships: 45-9, 45-10, 45-11; 46-9, 46-10, 46-11; 47-8, 47-9, 47-10, 47-11; 48-9, 48-10, 48-11; 49-9, 49-10, 49-11; and 50-9, 50-10, 50-11.

Please be aware that the assessors will also be conducting inspections throughout the County pertaining to development permits, subdivisions and incomplete structures. The inspections will be carried out from March 2016 through to January 2017.

The assessors will be easily identifiable, as they will be carrying identification tags. If no one is present when the assessor visits your property, a call back card will be left. The County requests your co-operation in returning calls and providing the assessors with any necessary information.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Tax Department at the County office at 780-542-7777.



COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES MEET WITH COUNTY COUNCIL

March 22, 2016 - Brazeau County Council will hold a meeting with all County commercial businesses from 7-9 p.m. on March 22 in the Council Chamber.

On the agenda:
a. 2016 Tax Rate Reduction Request
b. Land Use Bylaw Revision considerations to promote Economic Development and Diversification
All commercial business owners will have an opportunity to be heard.



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Councillor Rita Moe
Councillor Marc Grosler
Councillor Kara Westerland
Councillor Anthony Heinrich
Councillor Maryanne Thompson

News

Delegate recommends different approach for county's energy policy

Justine Kimodeni
Western Review

In an effort to reduce Brazeau County's carbon footprint, Brazeau County council is in the process of looking at a Renewable and Alternative Energy Policy. Council has yet to make a decision on the matter. A few delegates from different groups, organizations, and companies were present at the Clean Energy Council Meeting held on Feb. 28 to put forward their two cents about the policy.

Heidi Swan, one of the delegates, recommends council take a different approach when it comes to the Renewable and Alternative Energy Policy.

"I would like to convince council to change your outlook on how you look at this," Swan said, "instead of looking at a single program with one entity such

as solar, where you add things to it, I would like council to look at a larger and b-e-l-i-e-v-e that we should be considering all residents and look at something that everybody can do. I think that it is probably better to afford everybody a chance to go green."

According to Swan, there are other types of energy that are worthy of being considered by council including geothermal and wind.

"Geothermal is a reliable way to reduce sky-heating and cooling costs because you are taking advantage of the natural heating or cooling capacity of the earth. On the property you own, you are drawing on a new resource that is essentially free," Swan said. "If you want to produce your own electricity, you almost certainly want to consider

installing a home wind turbine, even if your location is not notably windy. To be worth your investment, you really need to be living on an acre or more."

In an attempt to cut back on Brazeau County's carbon footprint, Swan urged council to consider looking at providing a rebate program to Brazeau County residents.

"Brazeau County can offer rebates for energy reduction initiatives," she said.

To further cut down on energy use, Swan said there are energy-saving products that can be used by residents.

"There are many cost- and energy-saving electrical products to help you go green," Swan said. "There are programmable thermostats, motion sensing lights, smart power bars, LED holiday lighting and electric water heater blankets are among just a few ideas. Combin-

ing a number of small items can make a significant difference in your total power consumption and a big impact on your overall footprint."

Shopping locally is also one of the ways to be environmentally-friendly, according to Swan.

"With transportation costs on the rise, shopping locally is always the best bang for your buck," she said. "Lessening your travel, with the added bonus of boosting your local economy and helping out friends and neighbours, goes a long way to reducing your carbon footprint."

However, Swan said she puts utmost importance to education.

"Education is a very important thing," she said. "For practically no money, we can educate people on how to lessen their carbon output."

County hears suggestions from Pembina Institute

Justine Kimodeni
Western Review

A representative from Pembina Institute, Bob MacIntosh, was present at the Brazeau County Clean Energy Council Meeting as a delegate on Feb. 28. MacIntosh gave council some of his suggestions regarding the Renewable and Alternative Energy Policy.

Some of MacIntosh's suggestions include policy name options, a purpose statement, and roles that county may participate in. Some of the roles MacIntosh mentioned are leading by example and educating its residents.

"County's roles may include development of policy and strategy direction, personal leadership, education, and promotion among residents and businesses," he said. "It may also include ensuring that bylaws and standards promote and do not inhibit efficiency and renewable energy structures and building permits, liaising with provincial and federal government, as well as giving consideration for buildings co-managed or cost-shared with the Town of Drayton Valley."

The Renewable and Alternative Energy Policy will be Brazeau County's commitment to county residents to provide and promote renewable and alternative energy sources. The implementation of the policy will hopefully result in reducing the county's carbon footprint.

Other delegates were also at the meeting to present to council. A decision regarding the Renewable and Alternative Energy Policy was deferred.



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News

Town wants art ideas

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Town of Drayton Valley staff members invited the public and art enthusiasts to advise the Town on what they would like to see inside an upcoming park.

The old HW Pickup grounds, as the vacant lot is called now, will soon be converted into a park with trails, a pond, green fitness equipment and park benches.

All that is missing now are pieces of art as discussed in the open discussion at the Town office on Feb. 28.

"When you look around the community how many different sculptures and representations of art do we have in the community? Not much," said Annette Driessen, director of community services with the Town of Drayton Valley.

Members from Drayton Valley and District Agricultural Society, Drayton Valley Fine Art Society, Drayton Valley Historical Society and Elanor Pickup Arts Society, along with many others attended the session.

The park is adjacent to the Rotary House building, the 4-5 Skatepark and the newly built bus hub next to the Evergreen School in Dray-

ton Valley.

Art enthusiasts who came out shared their ideas about modern artistic sculptures, a theme of four seasons around the park, making something artistic out of oil field scraps or adding a chess/checkers game board, etc.

Driessen said the Town does have a budget and they will have to work towards that.

She explained the choices do not have to be expensive, and gave an example of incorporating poetry on concrete or putting something on lamp posts as there will be LED lighting in the park anyway.

The Town of Drayton Valley has made the park a priority with a goal to accommodate not only seniors, but families and youth will also be incorporated given there are both young and older families in the neighbourhood and school and the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Outdoor Rink and 4-5 Skatepark will attract the youth in the community.

The theme for this one is very much in terms of adventure and looking a little at the older population," said Driessen.

The Town will also look at the other two parks, which are the Rotary Park and the Downtown Civic Park, across from the Civic Centre but they aren't a priority at the moment.



Attendees listen keenly as Annette Driessen, director of community services with the Town of Drayton Valley discusses a local park's plan with the community and asks for input and feedback.

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Two vehicle collision results in fatality

Justine Kimoden
Western Review

The Drayton Valley RCMP were called to attend to a fatal collision between a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado and a 2016 Ford Explorer. The accident occurred on Highway 22 on Feb. 27 at approximately 1:05 a.m.

The 33-year-old male driver of the Chevrolet truck, were all transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The local RCMP received a complaint regarding a stolen light bar on Feb. 16. An employee of Nelson Brothers reported that a light bar owned by the company was stolen from his vehicle parked at his house on Becken Road.

A resident from 56 Street in

Drayton Valley called the RCMP on Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. to report that her blue Honda Civic was broken into and a cheque was stolen.

On Feb. 27 at 12:30 p.m., RCMP received a call regarding a 24-inch light bar being stolen from a truck parked at a local restaurant's parking lot.

A 2007 Escalade was reported stolen on Feb. 28 at 6 a.m.

day at noon on Range Road 81.

On Feb. 26 at 9 p.m., RCMP received a call regarding a suspicious vehicle. RCMP attended, checked the vehicle, and found marijuana in the vehicle. The person was arrested and is now facing drug charges, said Drayton Valley RCMP Sgt. Chris Delella.

RCMP were doing a check stop on Feb. 26 on Highway 39 when a police member stopped the stolen vehicle on the same

displaying signs of impairment. The driver blew twice the legal limit and was arrested and charged with impaired driving.

On March 1, RCMP received a call of a possible impaired driver on Highway 22 and 50 Street in Drayton Valley. An RCMP member was dispatched and located the vehicle. The driver was showing signs of impairment and blew 170 milligrams alcohol in 100 ml of blood, twice the legal limit. The driver was arrested and charged with impaired driving.

Limited visibility causes man to drive through an intersection

Justine Kimoden
Western Review

The Drayton Valley/Brasserie County Fire Services received a call on Feb. 28 at 7:28 p.m. regarding a man who drove through an intersection on Highway 620 and Range Road 60. Due to limited visibility during a snowstorm, the man ran into a farmer's field with his truck and knocked down some trees. There were no reported injuries. Fire crews disabled the vehicle and a tow truck company took over.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

On Feb. 27 at 1:42 a.m., fire crews responded to a

two-vehicle collision involving an SUV and a pickup truck on Highway 22. Fire crews helped with vehicle extraction. There were three victims in the SUV, two of which was extracted before fire crews arrived on scene. Fire crews also extracted one person from the pickup truck. One of the three victims in the SUV was pronounced dead on scene.

SMOKE INVESTIGATION
The fire department received a smoke investigation call on Feb. 29. Fire crews responded to a residence in Poplar Ridge Trailer Park. Investigations revealed that a furnace motor overheated which set off the

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SKATE WITH THE THUNDER



Justine Kimoden Western Review
Children of all ages were given a chance to skate with the Drayton Valley Thunder players after a home game against the Canmore Eagles on Feb. 23.

News

Local car club to hold fifth annual swap meet

Justine Kimoden
Western Review

The Northern Thunder Classic Auto Club is bringing back its annual Swap Meet on April 15. This year marks the club's fifth annual swap meet which will take place at the Drayton Valley Omplex from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be a quilt show organized by the Hearts and Hands Quilter Guild at the event.

Club member Bob Deagle said this event is an opportunity for community members to buy and sell car parts and antique items.
"There will be people showing up with old antique parts, automotive parts, and other antiques to buy and sell," he said. "It is a chance for people to see the

things that they may not have seen for a long time. And if they are working with an old vehicle, they might find something that they are looking for."

Deagle said past swap meets organized by the club were a success so they decided to bring it back again this year. "It is popular and people like to come," he said. "They like to come to Drayton Valley and we have a good selection of parts for people with decent prices and so we decided to do it again."

Anyone interested in getting a table for the swap meet can contact Deagle at (780) 621-6077. Tables cost \$25 each. Vendors can start setting up their tables on April 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. An admission fee of \$5 will also be collected at the day of the event.

ORIGAMI AT DRAYTON VALLEY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



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On Feb. 24, the Drayton Valley Municipal Library held an origami night for members of the community.

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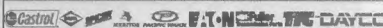


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Gypsy jazz band entertains Drayton Valley

Justine Kimond Western Review

Christine Tassan et les Impositeurs performed at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre on Feb. 25 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Provincial Court

Long term offender denied bail

Cathy Westman

Western Review

On October 14, police contacted Desjarlais' parole officer, and on October 23, Family Child Services visited the house and spoke to the woman who was also assaulted. When asked if she wanted to give a statement to the police, she refused.

With the investigation still underway, police learned Desjarlais had an argument with the woman inside a vehicle and slammed her face into the steering wheel. Desjarlais' parole officer decided to lay charges.

While in jail at the Edmonton Remand Centre, Desjarlais telephoned his victim in Drayton Valley and talked on the phone for about half an hour. The phone call was recorded by the victim.

With a trial going ahead, the witnesses involved in the assaults and forcible confinement in the residence in Drayton Valley have recanted their statements, saying it was a case of mistaken identity.

Despite Desjarlais' defence lawyer stating the Crown had a weak case against his client, Crown Prosecutor Ron Hogan said his case isn't weak without witness statements because he can still use the telephone recordings with Desjarlais' voice on them and that he also has other evidence that can be presented at the trial.

"This man is a long-term offender. People are going to be afraid. He has a violent past," said Crown Prosecutor Ron Hogan, adding Desjarlais has a long record with 62 prior convictions.

One issue during the bail hearing centred on whether Desjarlais was working in Edmonton at the time of the September 21 assault. One of his conditions after a June 4, 2008 conviction for aggravated assault and uttering threats was that he remain within an 80 kilometre radius of Edmonton.

Desjarlais' boss at Central Glass in Edmonton claimed he was working that day and claimed to have driven Desjarlais home after work; however, what was produced at the bail hearing was simply two invoices from the glass company with the claims on them. Instead of something written on proper letterhead. Upon examining the two invoices, Judge White stated, "The Court finds these two letters to be exceptionally irregular."

After considering all the evidence, Judge Marilyn White denied bail for Desjarlais based on a number of issues, including the phone call from the remand centre to the complainant and a very serious criminal record with 62 convictions. A three-day special sitting of court is set for March 29 at which time Desjarlais will appear through closed circuit television.

YOUTH ACTION TEAM POSES FOR A PHOTO WITH DRAYTON VALLEY THUNDER



Justine Kimond Western Review

The Youth Action Team of Aim for Success had a photo opportunity with the Drayton Valley Thunder after the Thunder took on the Calgary Eagles in Feb. 26 at the Drayton Valley Iceplex. The Youth Action Team members including Aim for Success mentors were wearing pink t-shirts to promote anti-bullying in schools.

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Proposed Neighbourhood Structure Plan, ASP Amendment and Rezoning

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Meeting Date: March 15, 2016

Meeting Time: 6:00pm to 8:30pm

The draft Neighbourhood Structure Plan is available for review with the proposed zoning and ASP Amendments.

The Planner will go through the draft Plan and Amendments starting at 6 pm.

Copies of the draft NSP, rezoning and the ASP Amendment are available on the Brazeau County website www.brazeau.ab.ca or at the meeting.

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Drayton Valley resident not happy with WCB

Cathy Wortman
Western Review

Drayton Valley resident Jack Byers has a beef with the Worker's Compensation Board (WCB) dating back 14 years.

Byers badly injured his arm at work while employed with a sheet metal company in Calgary in 2002 when he tried to stop a pipe from rolling onto a fellow worker while standing on top of a 14 foot ladder.

"On June 4 of 2002 I went on Worker's Compensation and they sent me to a physiotherapy clinic. I was still complaining about my arm six weeks later it was swelling up every time I walked a husband's duties. WCB sent me to the Canadian Back Institute. I was there for four days for testing. When I was down on the floor on my hands and knees in a neutral position, I couldn't lift my hand off the mat so they sent me to get an MRI. The specialist told me I had torn a rotator cuff and I was put on a modified work schedule. The day I started a co-worker came up behind me and slapped down on my shoulder. I phoned and reported this to my WCB case manager.

On November 28, I went in for shoulder surgery and the specialist told me I had squished a tube that pumps fluid in my shoulder, so it was bone on bone. He also discovered a ganglion cyst as a result of the accident in 2002. He began with arthroscopic surgery and put in little holes around my shoulder, and ended up doing open surgery where he pulled my arm apart to get at the ganglion cyst and replace the squished tube. After surgery I sat around for six months.

Workers Comp asked me to go back to the Canadian Back Institute. I went there and spent five months doing physiotherapy, but I kept complaining that my arm was hurting and I was getting headaches. I actually I was told I could do medium duty work. While I was doing that and working with a partner, a supervisor saw we were working and talking, and two weeks later I was laid off.

Byers appreciated for a year as a journeyman sheet metal worker before Workers Compensation took him on as a client again and found him work as a security guard that had very little impact on his arm. Although his shoulder was still bothering him, he continued to work as a security guard for several months. His doctor suggested a second MRI but before that he was sent to a psychologist.

"He said that I was using the medical community for drugs, WCB for financial gain or that it could all just be in my head," recalled Byers.

After that meeting, WCB paid for another MRI and his doctor and specialist discovered the ganglion had regrown and there was a tear in the labrum in his shoulder. He was sent for a second surgery and more physiotherapy and was also asked by WCB to return to the Canadian Back Institute. Eventually WCB paid for him to attend the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in September of 2005 but he didn't make it through the first semester due to an undiagnosed ulcer and continuing headaches.

WCB sent him to Canmore for four weeks, but he ended up in the Rocky View Hospital when his ulcer worsened. Next, they sent Byers to Edmonton for a discharging initiation course, but when he case will be heard.

when he arrived, he discovered his name wasn't on the list so there was no accommodations for him. He drove back to Winfield, where his mother resided. WCB phoned him and asked why he didn't stay there and sleep in his van. Around the same time, a second opinion concerning the status of Byers' injured arm did not produce any good news.

"I figured I'm screwed. I have no doctors on my side and no specialists willing to do anything to help me. What I want are my wages reinstated equal to when I was working at the sheet metal company in Calgary. I have five children to support and I owe over \$5,000 in child maintenance and I had my wages garnished to pay for it.

"WCB is responsible for my well-being, but they're not really taking care of my well-being or anybody else's. I believe they set me up and put me into poverty. I do believe in people not screwing other people. Somebody's got to draw the line somewhere.

Byers met with Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean, but was told the WCB was a provincial matter. He also met with MLA Mark Smith, who gave Byers forms to fill out for a WCB Appeals Board hearing in order to have his finances reinstated. In return, Byers gave WCB latest copies of his medical history, including a recent MRI. A Drayton Valley physician recently checked Byers over but couldn't give him a definite diagnosis as to what's wrong with him and referred him back to a WCB physician instead.

Presently, Byers is waiting to hear back from the WCB Appeals Board as to when his case will be heard.

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News

Bonspiel held

The Drayton Valley Curling Club organized a ladies' bonspiel at the Drayton Valley Complex from Feb. 28 to 28. The club was in search of one more ladies' team to join their club.

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Parliament update

Jim Egliniski
MP for Yellowhead

Recently in Parliament, we covered topics from ISIS, to employment insurance and labour.

The Liberal Government's Motion against ISIS was debated for most of this week. My comments in the House regarding this Motion can be found at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/house/421/Debates/022/HAN022-16.PDF>

A Motion introduced by our Conservative Party was voted by a wide margin to condemn the growing international, all Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign being waged against Israel.

The report by the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying was released this week and can be found at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Language=english&File=1&Parl=42&Session=1&DocId=8120906> (the dissenting report can be found on page 51).

The NDP put forward a Motion on Employment Insurance, calling for the House to recognize mounting job loss and lack of access to E.I. They are also calling on the Government to strengthen the E.I. system and calling for repeal of the reforms the Conservative Government made in 2013.

Private Members' Bills (PMB) were introduced by my Conservative Colleagues during the week. Four of them deal with the Criminal Code, from protecting pre-born children, to clarifying definitions dealing with firearms, and the Life Means Life Act (life sentences). A fifth PMB deals with respecting a national strategy for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. I look forward to reading these bills.

At second reading, Bill C-4 - an Act to amend the Canada Labour Code, the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act, the Public Service Labour Relations Act and the Income Tax Act - ended the week.

Over the course of the week, I attended 11 meetings and two events. The House will be down the week of February 29, and my next update will be on my travels in the riding before my return to Ottawa on March 7.

Support for Women's empowerment

Jim Egliniski
MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA - Jim Egliniski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead today highlighted a new call for proposals entitled 'Support for Women's Empowerment'.

The Department for the Status of Women is inviting organizations to propose projects that increase women's participation in democratic and public life. Projects under this call for proposals will focus on two streams:

Stream 1: Empowering Indigenous Women for Stronger Communities will support projects that will empower Indigenous women to engage with their communities to address issues affecting them or hindering their advancement in all aspects of life.

Stream 2: Empowering Women for Political and Community Action will focus on two themes: 1) Empowering Women for Political Action will promote the participation of women in political life; 2) Empowering Women for Community Action will improve conditions for women by amplifying women's voices and enhancing their civic participation.

The deadlines for applications under this Call for Proposals are: June 1, 2016 for projects that fall under Stream 1 - Empowering Indigenous Women for Stronger Communities and April 20, 2016 for projects that fall under Stream 2 - Empowering Women for Political and Community Action. Please note a second wave of applications received by November 1, 2016, may also be considered if there are funds remaining for Stream 1.

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News

Career Day held at Eldorado School

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

Eldorado School teachers organized a career day for Grade 1 students on February 25.

The event featured a newspaper reporter, radio announcer, firefighter, public works personnel, and a massage therapist, to name a few.

Each presenter was given a half hour to tell the students about why they like their jobs and the work that they do. The students were particularly taken with the camera from the reporter, the MP3 player that serves as a microphone, all the horns on the bucket loader, grader and Kubota work wagon.

Widow School Division Superintendent Brad Volkman also visited the students and presenters throughout the afternoon.



Cathy Weetman Western Review

Pictured is Town of Drayton Valley Public Works equipment operator Ian Jeffrey with a Grade one student in the cab of the grader which he brought with him to Career Day at Eldorado School. The students enjoyed being on and in the equipment and sounding the horns.

ASK THE PROS...

WHICH IS BETTER - PILATES OR YOGA?

Both Pilates and yoga offer strength, flexibility, strength, control, and endurance. The biggest difference between the two is the emphasis on the spiritual component in yoga classes. Although the lower part of a Pilates class can be meditative and stress relieving, Pilates classes focus on strength, muscle toning, body control, and flexibility, with the main emphasis being on strength. People may come to Pilates to relieve tension in specific muscle groups and/or address muscle imbalances for improvements in their posture. It is a disciplined practice that needs to be done on a regular basis to provide benefits. I like to think of Pilates as the reps and sets workout of Yoga. Pilates will focus on all of the spinal movements as well as shoulder and pelvic placement to encourage optimal range of motion in the joints and soft tissue. Classes (and) are usually progressive from beginner to intermediate. On the other hand, yoga focuses on flexibility and breath muscle groups. It offers balance, endurance, strength, spirituality and attention to breath. There are many styles of yoga ranging from gentle and nourishing to challenging and sweaty. So which should you choose? If you enjoy flexibility, freedom, and challenges then you may opt for Yoga. If you need specific strengthening and stretching then you might choose Pilates for the attention to detail and core work. Of course you should base your decision on your fitness priorities. What your body needs and what weeks with your life schedule that you can do on a consistent and regular basis to achieve results.

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• Pack up supper leftovers for ready to go lunches.

• Wash and cut up vegetables and fruit the night before. Put them into plastic containers or bags.

• Change it up. Snacks, dips, wraps and pizza are quick and healthy lunch options.

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News

Homicides increasing

Special to the Western Review

The RCMP worked in overdrive throughout 2015 as a result of a spike in homicides that occurred within its 112 RCMP detachment jurisdictions throughout Alberta last year. In 2015, investigators responded to 65 homicides compared to 36 in 2014. This is also much higher than the 10-year (2005-15) average of 40 homicides per year.

"Homicide cases take real commitment on the part of the employees involved. Last year, that saw them working longer hours - often away from home - under the saddest of circumstances - just to keep up," said Chief Superintendent Gary Steinko, Officer-in-Charge of the Alberta RCMP Serious Crimes Branch. "Sheer determination to see justice done for the victims was what kept folks going, and this is reflected in the high solve rate they achieved."

By the end of 2015, the RCMP had concluded 45 of the 65 homicide investigations. Seven perpetrators committed suicide before police could arrest and charge them. Investigations are still ongoing

in the remaining cases. The RCMP has not identified any factors to indicate the upward trend will continue in 2016. So far this year, the RCMP has been called upon to investigate six homicides in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions.

Homicides in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions 2006-2015
2015 - 65; 2014 - 36;
2013 - 36; 2012 - 33; 2011 - 31; 2010 - 40; 2009 - 38; 2008 - 22; 2007 - 36; 2006 - 47.

The first step in a RCMP homicide investigation involves RCMP personnel from the local detachment areas attending the location. They respond to any immediate public safety threats and secure the crime scene.

The Major Crime Unit (MCU), based in Edmonton and Calgary, is engaged immediately.

There are 60 homicide investigators working in MCU.

In most cases, MCU investigations travel by car, but travel to more remote locations may require other modes of transportation.

Upon arrival at the scene, MCU investigators assume carriage of the crime scene

and the investigation going forward.

Forensic Identification Services (FIS) personnel, who are located in 10 locations throughout Alberta, also attend the scene to collect and process evidence.

Other units are engaged to assist as required. Units that regularly assist in homicide investigations include the Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Services, Traffic Services, Air Services, Victim Services and the Special Tactical Operations Team. Personnel from RCMP General Investigative Sections located in larger detachment areas throughout Alberta are also engaged to assist as required.

The RCMP employs the investigative best practice of frontloading all homicide investigations with the personnel required to ensure police gather as much information as early as possible after the crime occurs.

The investigative team continues its work until the case is concluded. In most cases, this involves criminal charges being laid against one or more suspects.

THUNDER LOSES AT HOME GAME



Justine Khimdon Western Review

The Drayton Valley Thunder took on the Carmore Eagles at the Drayton Valley Omplex on Feb. 28. The Thunder lost against the Eagles with a final score of 2-1.

Passing the Bucks

Pembina donates to DV CT scanner, Shark Park

Weyerhaeuser donates \$25,000 to CT scanner

Submitted

Weyerhaeuser has donated \$25,000 to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation's CT scanner campaign.

There is clearly a strong need in the community for this essential medical equipment," said Sean Chiesman, Unit General Manager of Weyerhaeuser's Drayton Valley Lumber. "We employ almost 200 people at our Lumber and Timberlands business in Drayton Valley and some of them, or their family members, will benefit from this medical equipment. I am pleased that through the Weyerhaeuser Living Fund we are able to support this fundraising campaign."

Weyerhaeuser has a longstanding reputation for strong community

support and the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation is extremely grateful for this contribution to the CT4DV Campaign," said Colleen Sekura, Fund Development Officer for the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation.

The Weyerhaeuser Living Fund also provided \$23,000 to other community groups and projects in Drayton Valley and region in 2015. Receiving grants were: Drayton Valley Ringette Association - \$2,000; Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley, Out of School Care program - \$2,000; Mac Centre for Performing Arts - \$5,000; Rotary House - \$5,000; Evergreen School Breakfast Program - \$5,000; Drayton Valley/Braceau County Outdoor Risk project - \$5,000.



Photo submitted

to (L to R) Colleen Sekura, Fund Development Officer, Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation and Sean Chiesman, Unit General Manager of Weyerhaeuser's Drayton Valley Lumber, hold up an oversized cheque for \$25,000 that will go toward the CT scanner campaign.

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D3 - D4 Cows	\$90.00-\$100.00
Good Heifer Cows	\$80.00-\$93.00
Medium Heifer Cows	\$75.00-\$85.00
Heiferettes	\$145.00-\$165.00
Bologna Bulls	\$120.00-\$135.00
Fender Bulls	\$130.00-\$152.00
Other Red Cows	\$140.00-\$200.00
Weight	Steers
1000 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$161.00-\$180.00
900 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$155.00-\$191.25
800 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$147.00-\$205.00
700 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$135.00-\$224.00
600 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$215.00-\$250.00
500 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$230.00-\$269.00
400 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$245.00-\$280.00
300 lbs Steers / Heifers	\$275.00-\$300.00

Dairy Steers	\$125.00 \$165.00
Baby Calves (Dairy)	\$100.00 \$275.00
Baby Calves (Beef)	\$55.00 \$70.00
Hay: Sq. Bales	\$5.50 \$9.50
Bed. Bales	\$177.00 \$185.00
Straw: Sq. Bales	\$1.00 \$3.50
Bed. Bales	N/A

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Pictured: Brenda Souther (Pembina), Colleen Sekura (DV Health Services Foundation), Mike Karach (Pembina), Memphis Vanbeers (Pembina).



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Pembina Pipeline donates \$20,336.45 in support of the Shark Park Playground as part of their annual United Way Campaign. Pictured: Mike Karach (Pembina), Brenda Souther (Pembina), Danna Cropley (Shark Park Playground), Phil Bell (Pembina).



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Women in BUSINESS 2016

Giving back to the Community

Like Chen, a partner with the law firm, Duncan & Craig LLP, in the community of Drayton Valley, Chen is a woman who gives back.

Chen is a graduate of the University of Alberta, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She then went on to earn her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alberta. Chen is a member of the Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Drayton Valley Women's Business Network.

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Career change leads to passion in real estate

For 19 years, Drayton Valley resident Heather Malin has been serving the community as a realtor and Broker/Owner of a Sotheby's franchise in town.

Malin first moved to town with her family when she was six years old. She left for Edmonton to study at the University of Alberta to become a teacher, but plans changed and Malin found herself in the housing industry.

"I was planning on being a school teacher but at that time there was an oversupply of teachers, so I thought maybe I should be looking at something different for when I started working with real estate in Edmonton," she said. "I took courses to get my real estate license and started a RE/MAX franchise in Drayton Valley. Malin said, 'I enjoy working with a team and I like to help people. I've been a realtor for 19 years and I love it.'"

Through Malin's dedication and hard work, she earned one promotion after another. "I was promoted to the assistant and was later offered the purchasing agent position," she said. "I was transferred to Fort McMurray to work on a project of 300 homes and another one after that for 300 with Engro Energy."

Malin took a break and moved back to Drayton Valley to take care of her aging mother.

When asked what sets her apart from other realtors, she answered with, "my education, my training, and my experience."

"I have 19 years of experience and I think people find me easy to work with, knowledgeable and not at all sales oriented," Malin added. "It is a great feeling when you get people into their new homes and the glow on their faces - something you don't forget."

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Women in BUSINESS 2016

Calling out to speakers

The Women in Business Network is organizing an event with a theme to inspire the mind, body and soul for business success and is calling out to speakers to speak at the event.

The "Inspiring Your Future" leadership conference will bring awareness, business success and connection of the mind, body and soul and reminding the community that nourishment is important to overall success.

"We're understanding and accepting that not everything in life balances around at the same time and that is OK. Our goal is to provide helpful and inspirational to empower you to frame your success," said Wanda Compton, chair for economic development and communications for Brant County.

The committee is currently seeking speaker submissions for workshop presentations and keynote speakers.

The deadline for speaker submission is on March 18. The event is scheduled for Oct. 14 and 15.

International Women's Day Webcast
International Women's Day Webcast on March 8 at the MacKenzie Conference Centre.
With the number of women increasingly taking reins in the family, corporate and household finances, the goal of the conference is to help women feel educated, enabled and empowered.

Leading two pharmacies

Reyni Winter owns and operates Winter's Pharmacy in this location, one next door to east of the medical clinic in Drayton Valley. The pharmacy has been an ongoing one for Winter, who has been in the pharmacy industry for 25 years. She has been in the pharmacy industry for 25 years. She has been in the pharmacy industry for 25 years.

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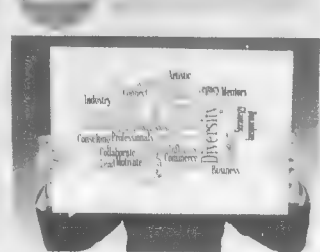
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WOMEN IN BUSINESS NETWORK



The conference is for women professionals, entrepreneurs and budding entrepreneurs and is an overnight event at the Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC).

"We always had the goal of complete networking and professional training and networking events with a bi-annual conference. This year's conference is the first we have hosted," said Compton.

The conference will have engaging and interactive workshops combined with networking and vendor opportunities. The committee is also planning a celebration of success dinner and an awards night.

Workshops will focus on the theme of conference: Frame Your Mind & Soul, Frame Your Body, Frame Your Future, Frame Your Finances, Frame Your Best (Social Media for Business) and Frame Your Art (Social networking).

The deadline for speaker submission is on March 18. The event is scheduled for Oct. 14 and 15.

To join our WBN Network email: wcompton@brantmuni.ca

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Funeral Director Faith Van Manen - born and raised in the area, serving the area.

I don't ever remember a time when I wasn't interested in the funeral business. Growing up I had an aunt who owned a funeral home, and whether it was because of my familiarity with the industry or the respect I had for her, I'm not sure, but I always felt that becoming a Funeral Director was what I was called to do.

I am a local resident, born and raised in the Drayton Valley area. It is a privilege to be employed at Drayton Valley Funeral Services, serving families, none of whom are neighbours and friends I grew up with.

As a Funeral Director, I do not simply work in my profession, I live my profession. At times I am required to sacrifice my own personal and family time to be available to my community 24/7.

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Local athlete competes at Alberta Winter Games, brings home medal

Western Review

Sydney Kennedy, a Grade 8 student from H.W. Pickup Junior High School, participated in the Alberta Winter Games held in Medicine Hat from Feb. 20 to 22. Kennedy competed at the U16 women's judo and took home a medal for finishing in third place.

Kennedy said she was nervous but at the same time excited for being able to compete at the Alberta Winter Games for the first time. "It was my first time in Alberta Winter games. It was very exciting and I was kind of nervous but it comes with the fighting," she said. "I got third place. It was kind of hard for my first two because they were very high level, or at least higher level than I was so I was pretty happy that I got a medal."

Craig Stevens, Kennedy's sensei from Drayton Valley Judo, said he is proud of Kennedy's accomplishment.

"She is fantastic. She did really, really well," Stevens said. "It was her first time doing some hard competition. She is a wonderful athlete and she is excellent."

Kennedy is now training for another competition from March 11 to 13. This time, it will be for the Edmonton International Judo Championships.

"That is Canada's largest tournament and it is going to be in West Edmonton Mall," Stevens said. "They are going to have international competitors from all over the world. Some will be coming from England, some are from Japan, and it is pretty cool. We will have probably an excess of 700 or 800 fighters this year."

Kennedy said she is looking forward to competing at the Edmonton International Judo Championships for the second year in a row.

"I am very excited. It is my second time going," Kennedy said. "Last year, it was pretty fun. I ended up bringing home gold. It was a great experience."



Local athlete, Sydney Kennedy (left), poses for a photo with her sensei Craig Stevens (right) after an interview with the Western Review.

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School notebook

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The grade 5 had fun attending Hockey Hokey at Rezi's Place with thousands of students. Unfortunately the Oil Kings went down to defeat against Victoria, but there was lots of entertainment and crowd participation and everyone had a good time. Thank you to the many parents who attended and helped out.

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We are now accepting Preschool - Grade 1 registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration forms are available at the 1 year old Preschool students must be 1 year of age by September 1st, 2016.

4 year old Preschool students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2016. 5-6 year old students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2016.

If you have a child/children currently enrolled at St. Anthony School, you do not have to fill out a Registration Form.

If you have any questions please feel free to drop in or call the office 780-542-4386. The Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley will now offer drop-in spots for participants on a limited basis to access programs. The cost will be \$20/day for a participant to access the program and the maximum amount of times a participant could drop in per month will be five (5). Drop-in opportunities will only be available during school year programming (Sept - June) excluding

day camps. The number of drop-in spots available in each program will be determined by the Program Director to ensure we are still adhering to licensing standards. Registration and fee payment must take place with the Program Director before the participant can access the program. Drop in will start the Month of March 2016.

News from the Shark Tank Running Club have their feet quickly moving on Mondays 3:15-4:15. Basketball wrapped up last week. With the senior girls & boys being Tri-County Bronze Medal winners! Thank you Coach Kaskiak and Coach Hazen for your time and dedication to our basketball teams.

Archery Club practice Wednesdays & Fridays: Grades 4 & 5 from 3:10-4:30, Grades 6, 7 & 8 4:30-5:30 (there will be NO practice on Wednesday March 9th & 23rd and April 20th). March 10th & 12th Archers members going to National Tournament in Edmonton at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show. Shark Park Next!

Hot On For The Shark Park fundraiser, every Friday during Lent. Hot On For The Shark Park! Students & staff who pay \$1.00 will be able to wear their hat in school for the whole day. Last day of this fundraiser will be March 18th.

Panago Pizza Vouchers fundraiser, \$10.00 per Voucher for 1 Medium Pizza \$7.00 from each voucher sold will go to the Shark Park. Hot On For any Panago Pizza across Canada! See Mrs. Lemmermey at the office to purchase yours today!

Important reminders: Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for Alberta weather. Our playground can be quite windy. Bus student's need to be well prepared in case a bus should break down. Please label all jackets, lunch bags, shoes, hats, etc. (visibly on the outside) and name tags. We often have incidences of students wearing the wrong footwear. It will be outdoor recess unless weather drops below -30.

Please ensure that you use the crosswalk when you drop off your children. We want our students to be safe at all times. There is a Handicapped parking spot on the south side of the crosswalk in the front of the school. It is marked with blue paint.

Please make sure that you are not parked in this spot, as this spot needs to be available for those who require it. Please pull into a parking spot (where there is NO yellow paint) when dropping off or picking up students in the back or front parking lots of the school.

Office hours are 8:00-4:00. Parents please make sure you call the office or email k.v.mcmurray@stathletics.ab.ca if your child will be late or absent. If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

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Take a Look Back - Drayton Valley



Newton and Lucy Dodson arrived in 1913, bringing farm animals and equipment from the USA. They homesteaded on the land now occupied by the shopping plaza which bears their name. They started the first Sunday School in the area initially in various homes and in Norman Hall, a community hall between Drayton Valley and Rocky Rapids. The first evangelical services

were held there until 1927 when Newt Dodson donated land to build the first Church of God, a simple frame building, at its present site. It served the community for over thirty years until a new church was built in 1958.

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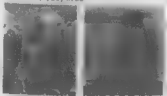
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Lindale Hall Mother's Day pancake breakfast, May 8 at 9 a.m.

Multic jamboree upstairs at Drayton Valley 55+ Recreation Centre held the last Sunday of every month. Doors open at 12 noon and jam starts at 1 p.m. For more information phone 780-542-3768.

Mondays

• Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.

• First and third - Brain Injury Support Group meets @ Mitch's at 12:30 p.m.

• Bingo at the Drayton Valley Legion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. • Ugly dancing @ the Scout Hall, 7-8:30 p.m.

• Bingo/Tomahawk Arts Centre, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7:30 p.m. 780-539-2425 or 780-539-3747 for information.

Tuesdays

• DV Art Club meetings, 7 p.m. 542-7320.

• Kin-Club meetings, (780) 821-0017.

• Anger burs everyone. DV Family Support & Intervention Program, women's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-6702 for more info.

• 1st & 3rd Tuesday • Royal Purple meetings, Westwind Motor Inn (upstairs), 7:30p.m. Morna @ 542-2854 for info.

• Al-Anon meetings for friends and family of alcoholics takes place every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Canada in Drayton Valley.

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Cold calling a great addition to job search tool box

Dear Working Wise:
I got laid off six months ago and haven't been able to find another job. I want to get back to work as soon as possible, but I don't see any job postings for similar work. I want to start contacting employers directly to see if they are hiring. Do you have any tips?
Signed, eager to work

Dear Eager:
Cold calling is a great addition to your job search tool box. Some experts estimate that up to 80 per cent of jobs are unadvertised.

Before you get going though, you might want to attend a career or job-search workshop.

Alberta Works offers free workshops that help you inventory all of your transferable skills, taking stock of all you have to offer employers.

Many open up new industries and job opportunities that you may never have considered. You can find your local Alberta Works Centre by clicking hireservices.alberta.ca/offices.

Once you know what kinds of jobs you're looking for, use these tips to put your best foot forward when you contact employers.

Identify potential employers.
Create a list of employers who need skills like yours. Check industry websites, job fairs, and job boards for ideas. Ask your network of friends, family, and colleagues for leads and contacts.

Research target employers.
Learn about the company and what relevant positions they employ. Find out who has hiring authority for those positions. For more information on researching employers, visit www.alis.alberta.ca/worksearch.

Target your cover letter and resume.
Don't send a generic cover letter and resume to every company you can think of. Target them to the job you want and the person who can hire.

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News

Canada Blooms festival opens in Toronto in March

In exactly two weeks the opening of the premier flower and garden festival on the continent occurs in Toronto. Canada Blooms is, indeed, the largest event of its kind in North America, with an expected attendance of more than 200,000 over the 10 days that doors are open (Friday, March 11, to Sunday, March 20th).

"There is much to see" is a popular chant but frankly, it is a gross understatement. The shared event with the National Home Show demands that you wear sensible walking shoes, bring a camera (because you won't remember all of the magnificent images) and carve enough time out of your schedule to do it justice. A full day works for most people, several days for gardening fanatics.

This edition of Canada Blooms marks the 20th anniversary for this venerable event. If you have never been, well, this is the perfect year to give it a go. For the uninitiated, I can recommend that you head straight for the 27 feature gardens as soon as you arrive. Award winning landscapes, created by the country's

leading designers, landscape architects and landscape companies are second to none.

The theme for the gardens this year is "It's A Party," a nod to this significant anniversary. Indeed, this is an occasion worthy of celebration!

Based on my "inside" information, these are some of the "can't miss" feature gardens.

1. Landscape Ontario: "Choose Your Path." A play on words that reflects the many career opportunities in the industry, illustrated by a walk down a wonderfully enhanced garden path. Landscape Ontario focuses on the vast number of careers available outdoors and in the "green" professions. As always, this garden is a collaborative effort between many designers and landscape architects, each dedicated to a mutual interest of promoting the industry. This is a tangible expression of pride.

2. Modern Landscape Design, Julie Moore: "The Stingray Garden." This feature garden provides an artistic approach to "form and function." Thematic zones - think in terms of a quiet space in your back yard, replete with garden art



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and comfy places to lounge and add in a special area for entertaining - "form" and "function." This special addition to the festival knits the outdoor gardening experience together with soft music. Prepare to slow down!

3. University Pro Landscapers: "Party of a Lifetime." Entertain AND relax. Fully equipped with an outdoor kitchen, glass wall infinity pool and lots of room for guests to lounge. Lots of water in this amazing garden; kids will enjoy playing in the pool (but not during the festival), party guests can linger by waters edge and when the party is over you - the host - will enjoy the quiet side of nature, surrounded by a backyard filled with the sounds of song birds and gently flowing water.

1. Genoscape Landscaping, "H 20 Yeah!" Last year Genoscape earned the top award for garden design at Canada Blooms. Owner Joe Genoscape pours his heart and soul into every project and this year is no exception. Come and meander through the winding pathways and let the lights and sounds of water lead your way. Be sure to take a detour into the one of a kind wood igloo that is constructed out of old pallets. This is where you party in a natural setting! Genoscape specializes in the use of water in the landscape. If you are thinking of adding a water feature to your yard this year, this is a must-see garden.

2. Royal Stone & AquaSpa Pools Landscape and Design. "Let's Party." reflects a carefully planned outdoor living space that is "livable" a home with a vacation feel. Knowing that the garden is waiting for you when you arrive home from work, it will tempt you to leave early and to skip some Fridays or Mondays to create a long weekend experience in your back yard. The strong linear lines of this garden make excellent use of space while

the walls of trees, the small lawn area, the outdoor kitchen and the lap pool create a warm and inviting space. There is an excellent 3D video of "Let's Party" on line. When you visit canadablooms.com click on the feature gardens and look for it. Amazing!

There are other amazing gardens at Blooms besides. Landscapes by Lucin returns and they always create an amazing display. This year their garden is called "A Night Under the Stars" and features a mixture of old, chic and bohemian. "A garden for all" they announced on the website.

Whatever you do, be sure plan a visit to the 20th edition of Canada Blooms.

As I like to say, it's the greatest show on earth!

Starts Friday, March 11 through the 20th. Details at www.canadablooms.com

Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40. He is the *Learn and Garden expert for Home Hardware*. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.

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